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BLM seeks public comment on off-highway vehicle trail connection

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. -- The Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction Field Office is now seeking public comment on the preliminary Environmental Assessment of a proposed OHV trail connection from the Tabeguache Trail to Highway 141 near Whitewater.

The Tabeguache Trail extends 142 miles between Grand Junction and Montrose. Large portions of the route are open to motorized OHVs. Currently, the 16-mile segment of the trail between Little Park Road and Colorado State Highway 141 is limited to out and back access for OHVs due to a ½-mile section of the route that is blocked by private property near Whitewater. The BLM has proposed construction of a short connector trail that would remain on BLM-managed public lands and would provide OHV through-access to Hwy 141 and the adjoining segment of the Tabeguache Trail. The BLM has created a preliminary Environmental Assessment that identifies the possible impacts that this project may have on the environment.

The BLM scoped and coordinated initially with the Colorado Department of Transportation and local recreation user groups including the Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Western Slope ATV Association, Quiet Trails Group and Grand Valley Trails Alliance to develop this trail proposal.

The BLM is seeking comment on the preliminary Environmental Assessment, which is available for public review and comment at <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gjfo.html>.

Please submit comments to BLM_CO_GJ_Public_Comments@blm.gov or 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506. Comments will be most helpful if they are specific to the proposal or analysis and are received by Mar. 27, 2015.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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